

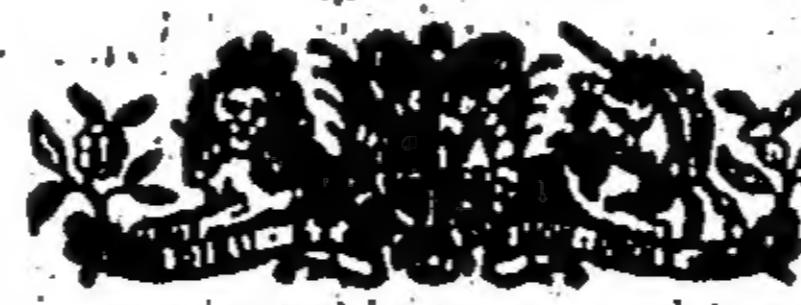
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Singapore Talks

Mr David Marshall and his all-party delegation begin talks with the British Government today on independence for Singapore. Let it be said immediately Mr Marshall's chances of success are not nearly as bright as they were at the beginning of the year. And it is most unlikely, for a number of good reasons, that Singapore will get as full an independence immediately as Ceylon, India, Australia and Canada now enjoy in the full maturity of nationhood.

The good reasons are Mr Marshall himself, the doubts that Malaya harbours about its unruly and effervescent neighbour, and, among others, Britain's doubts about the ability of Singapore to survive politically or economically as an island state detached for any length of time from the mainland. This Mr Marshall may find hard to refute in view of responsible opinion in Singapore that present instability bodes ill for the Colony either with or without independence.

THE view cannot be lightly dismissed as a biased "colonial" attitude — even though this may be the Singapore delegation's interpretation. Britain must try to impress upon the Colony it is as determined as ever to proceed with its original independence formula but at the same time it must ensure that the Colony gets the more durable kind that will survive the tempestuous months ahead.

Can it be doubted that they will be turbulent? Mr Marshall, an admittedly garrulous person with a regrettably uneven temperament, is on record that he expects assassination within two years. If this is to be taken seriously, considering Mr Marshall is one of the very few who could possibly be considered an "eligible" leader, it is perhaps one good reason why the Colony should not have full independence right away.

All this serves to underline that the most important subject for discussion in London will be internal security. On this point Merdeka will stand or fall. To begin with Mr Marshall has to show that there are adequate powers to enable the city to survive a Communist rising. But it does not end there. Britain, since the last talks on the Colony's future, is faced with the loss of Trincomalee in Ceylon which will leave Singapore the only naval base between Simonstown (or Cyprus) and Hongkong. And as the base would be useless without internal security, Mr Marshall will have to give the necessary assurances to cover all possible contingencies, including the coming to power of a left-wing government preaching neutralism.

IT is reported Mr Marshall will present a plan whereby Britain will have "concurrent but paramount responsibility for Singapore's defence and external relations and that this shall carry with it powers to restore law and order if the otherwise independent local administration should lose control of them. This seems a good plan but it will be useless unless the Colony has an assurance first of strong independent government.

B. & K. FEELING STRAIN

Curtail Today's Visit To Birmingham

London, Apr. 22.

Marshal Nikolai Bulganin and Mr Nikita Khrushchev are feeling the strain of their visit to Britain and have asked for their tour of the British Industries Fair at Birmingham tomorrow to be cut down, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham announced tonight.

The Lord Mayor was discussing arrangements for tomorrow's visit with

reporters when he re-entered the building.

He received a call from the Foreign Office telling him that the Russian leaders were very tired. As a result they will fly from London at 10.50 a.m. tomorrow instead of 9.20 a.m., arriving at Birmingham airport at 11.30 a.m.

The Lord Mayor said that instead of staying an hour and a half at the British Industries Fair the visitors

would be able only to walk down the length of

Correspondents who have been following the Russian leaders around have noticed that Marshal Bulganin, who is 60, has been looking tired during the last two days.

This was particularly evident at Oxford yesterday, where there was a tour of the university amid great crowds of boisterous students.

Mr Khrushchev did most of the talking, with Marshal Bulganin walking around and listening in silence to the descriptions and conversation of the university officials.

The Foreign Office issued the following statement: "Because the Russian leaders are tired after their full programme, their departure from their hotel tomorrow is being delayed by two hours, and their departure from London Air-

port by one and a half hours.

"These changes are at the request of the Soviet leaders themselves."

A Soviet Embassy official in London, questioned by reporters about the curtailment in the plans for the Birmingham visit, said that he had not heard about it. But, he added, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev did not spare themselves in the talks with Sir Anthony Eden. — Reuter.

POLISH AMNESTY

Freedom For 30,000 Prisoners

London, Apr. 22.

Poland is to release 30,000 prisoners immediately by amnesty under a new draft law, and to reduce the sentences on 70,000 others, according to Warsaw radio today.

The radio said the draft was discussed by legal and administrative committees of the Polish parliament today.

For the first time since the war some political crimes will be pardoned altogether, the radio said.

Alleged spies and terrorists will have their sentences reduced, while people who indulged in subversive propaganda, crossed the state frontier illegally, or did not fulfil the "duty" of denouncing a criminal, will be pardoned, and reference to their punishment will be eliminated from their file.

Big Reductions

Five-year sentences will be quashed, 10-year sentences reduced by half, and higher sentences reduced by a third.

Life imprisonment will be reduced to 12 years while death sentence will be commuted to 15 years' imprisonment.

For common crimes the draft provides for a pardon for offences punishable by two years imprisonment, such as infringements of the Labour discipline laws. Women guilty of such offences will have sentences up to three years' imprisonment quashed.

Pardon Promise

Crimes committed by an emigrant will be pardoned if he returns to Poland before July 22 this year — the Polish National Day. Under this section, crimes of being pro-Fascist or political life in pro-war Poland are included.

In some cases the crimes of "nihilism" may be pardoned conditionally.

If another offence is committed within two years of the amnesty the quashed sentence will be restored, the radio said. — Reuter.

Fatal Collision

Casablanca, Apr. 23.

A truck collided head-on with a heavily-loaded bus near here yesterday killing three Moroccans and injuring 28 others, including four women and four children.

The victims were rushed to the hospital here by six French air force ambulances which were based near the scene of the accident. — France-Press.

RELIEF SUPPLIES FOR HK REFUGEES

Singapore, Apr. 23.

Chief of mission for CARE (Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe) Mr Oden Meeker, is to open a centre in Hongkong, schools and refugee camps would be relieved of more than one million refugees from China, according to the Singapore Standard today.

The Standard reported Mr Meeker as saying, during a recent stopover here en route for Hongkong, that CARE



AUTHERINE LUCY MARRIES

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 22.

A controversial negro co-ed from Alabama and a mild-mannered negro preacher from East Texas were married today in a formal church wedding before a mixed audience of 500 persons.

The bride was Autherine Lucy, whose attempt to continue as a student at the University of Alabama touched off student riots and caused her expulsion.

The groom was the Rev. Hugh Foster, pastor of two East Texas negro Baptist churches and a social science student at Butler College in Tyler, Texas.

Some 500 persons who had been sent invitations by the bride crowded into St John's Baptist Church to witness the ceremony. Curious spectators stood outside. The Rev. E. C. Estelle performed the ceremony.

WHITE SILK GOWN

The couple was scheduled to leave on a week's honeymoon immediately after a reception held at the home of the Rev. Foster, pastor of the church.

The bride wore a floor-length white silk gown with a cathedral train and lace inset on the bodice.

After the honeymoon the couple will make their home in Tyler, where Foster expects to get an education degree in social science in December. The bride will continue her efforts to re-enter the University of Alabama by Federal Court order.

After the honeymoon, however, Miss Lucy was scheduled to speak at rallies sponsored by several Texas cities by the National Association for Advancement of the Coloured People. She said she expected them to take up most of her time for the next two or three months. — United Press.

Rock Kills Boys

Solentons, France, Apr. 22.

Three boys were killed when a five-ton rock fell on them as they were playing in a cave near here. — China Mail Special.

They Meet The People At LOC

Besieged By Autograph Hunters Security Guards Helpless

London, Apr. 22.

Marshal Bulganin and Mr N. Khrushchev took security precautions for granted here tonight when they were swamped by an autograph hunting crowd at a London County Council reception in their honour.

The Soviet leaders, looking tired but unnerved by the attention paid to them, scribbled signature after signature as a milling throng in the huge conference hall of the council pressed cores on them.

Bodyguards, however, anxious they may have been about the safety of their charges, could do nothing but assume the crowd was friendly.

Rush to London from their country talks with Sir Anthony Eden and other British ministers, the Soviet leaders first faced the ordeal of a formal address of welcome in the bustle, green and black, and black marble council chamber of the London County Council.

Party In The Mood

The 400 guests at the reception included the London County Council's 147 members, headed by their chairman, Mrs Helen C. Bentwich.

The two Russian statesmen arrived at County Hall at 8.30 p.m. and Marshal Bulganin, looking tired. It is believed this accounts for the announcement that tomorrow's programme is being curtailed. Though the Russian leaders did stay for 100 minutes — 10 beyond schedule — there was a slight feeling of disappointment, for the party was in a mood to go on for hours.

Marshal Bulganin bowed politely at various points in the ceremonial address of welcome by the chairman, and clearing his throat said:

"On the basis of talks we have already had one thing is absolutely clear — that is that both sides desire these deliberations to be successful. We will, and I am sure the British government will, make an effort to overcome these difficulties so that after a good stay in Britain we will depart as good friends."

The two Russian leaders were swept from chamber to chamber through the vast county council headquarters, which Marshal Bulganin well remembers from his visit here as Mayor of Moscow in 1939.

Following the ceremony, the couple was to be seen in a room where

there were anxious security

guards as the two statesmen

were absorbed in a crowd of

autograph hunters, with the watchful eye of Mr Jakob Malik, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, on them to see

that they were not overwhelmed.

In conversation, Marshal Bul-

ganin today expressed himself

much impressed by the royal family, with whom he had had tea at Windsor Castle.

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heavily-armed screening, their rear

the leaders cordially made their adieux to their hosts, and thanked them for their hos-

tility. — Reuter.

EXPENSIVE LESSON FOR US NAVY

Washington, Apr. 22.

Investigating senators today reported that a \$265 million project to produce a new naval jet fighter during the Korean war was a total loss except for "the lessons learned."

A highly critical report on the project came from the Senate Preparedness Investigating Sub-committee headed by Democratic Senator leader, Mr Lyndon Johnson of Texas.

The report was one in a series of investigations and other reports made by congressional groups on the Navy's attempt to develop an all-purpose carrier-based fighter, known as the "Demon."

"Except for the lessons learned, the money spent on the F3H (Demon) is a total loss," Senator Johnson said in a letter forwarding the report to Senator Richard Russell, Democrat chairman of the Armed Services Committee.

The report said 101 engines and 60 airframes for the plane were delivered but only a few of the fighters had actually been flown and none will be put into operational use.

Many of the fighters, without engines, are to be used for ground instruction and testing.

FAILURE & DELAY

The report gave credit to Navy officials for co-operating in the inquiry. But Mr Johnson rejected their claim that the Demon programme was eventually successful because of the recent delivery of the F3H with an engine of greater power.

Mr Johnson said the programme was "shot through with failure and delay."

The report said a new aircraft procurement plan by the Navy — called "try before you buy" — was best adapted to peacetime conditions. This plan calls for full testing of both engines and airframes before new models are put into full production or placed in active use.

TWO CONCLUSIONS

Senator Johnson said the Demon experience had convinced Navy officials that at least five years were needed — instead of three — to "design, build, and qualify a turbine engine."

He said another lesson was that new engines must be perfected well ahead of production of new airframes to carry them.

— Reuter.

Poujadists Fight With Police

Chateauroux, Apr. 22.

An official communiqué issued in Rabat tonight said that five persons were killed and eight injured in a violent explosion at Guidia today. Two of the killed were children, the other three women.

It was understood here that the catastrophe was caused by the explosion of a clandestine ammunition dump. — France-Press.

Some of the Poujadists later clashed with the police in the street outside. Several arrests were made. — Reuter.

ALGERIA'S WEEKEND OF TERRORISM

Constantine, Apr. 22.

Terrorist activities in various parts of Algeria over the weekend were reported here today.

In the Kabylie area of Tizi Ouzou, several Moslems were killed by rebel bands and on some of the bodies were found notes saying "executed on the order of the National Libera-

tion Army."

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the leaders cordially made their adieux to their hosts, and thanked them for their hos-

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from which the rebels fled. Their losses were not known.

A goods train coming from Beni Zemmour to Constantine was blown up by a mine between Mansourah and El Achrif. The train was badly damaged but there was no loss of life.

Meanwhile, a Moslem trader was killed outside his shop by unknown assailants.

Next day, a bus from Chammam to Constantine was blown up by rebels and set on fire but the passengers escaped without injury. — France-Press.

CITY ELECTRICITY BLACKOUT

Trams Stop: Passengers Trapped In Lifts

A major power blackout in Hongkong stopped city trams and lifts and plunged offices into darkness for periods of up to 35 minutes this morning.

VISHINSKY UNDER ATTACK

YEMEN PACT AIMED AT THE WEST

London, Apr. 22. The new pact allying Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen was seen in Western diplomatic quarters here today as a further Egyptian-inspired attempt to undermine Western, and especially British, influence in the strategic Middle East.

The conclusion of the pact probably had two major aims, it is thought here.

- 1. Formally to end the Yemen's links in the series of alliances rivalling the Anglo-American backed Baghdad Pact.
- 2. To demonstrate Arab solidarity in opposing Britain's goal of federating the British-protected states of Aden, which the Yemen claims as her territories.

NOT OFFICIAL

No official comment was available here today on the pact, signed at Jeddah yesterday. Foreign Office spokesman said official reports of the meeting were still awaited. When they arrived they would be given a legal examination.

But diplomatic observers here said it was almost inevitable that the event would be interpreted by the Government here as another of the series of moves which have already made it strongly resentful of the policies of Colonel Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Egyptian Prime Minister.

Gen. Taylor In Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 22. The United States Army Chief-of-Staff, General Maxwell Taylor, who arrived here today for a one-day visit, said that American troops in Germany would not be reduced.

He described as absurd the position where a country (Germany) remained divided against the wishes of the people. He said the atmosphere in Berlin was admirable. It was truly a front-line city in the Communist sea.

General Taylor was welcomed on his arrival by the American Commandant at Berlin, General Charles Dasher, and Berlin's Mayor, Herr Otto Suhre.

Later, he conferred with officers at the American headquarters. He will fly to Bonn tomorrow.

Theories A Grave Violation Of Soviet Law

Moscow, Apr. 22.

Andrei Vishinsky, Russia's top legal mind until his death two years ago, was today sharply criticised for his theories in a leading Soviet legal journal.

The magazine, the Soviet State and Law, claimed that it was "a glaring violation" of Soviet law to condemn people on the basis of self confession.

1933 when as state prosecutor he demanded the death sentence for five or six British engineers accused of belonging to an anti-revolutionary organisation. Two of the engineers were sentenced to two and three years terms, the others being acquitted or exonerated.

Britain imposed a ban on British imports and the two engineers were freed after two months.

Between May 1937 and February 1938, during the great purge trials, Vishinsky was exiled in the West with having secured more than 6,000 death sentences in open court, many against former friends and associates.

His often uncompromising attitude in the United Nations earned him the title of "Mr Veto."

Denied Need

The magazine called to lay for a study of guarantees to ensure protection of Soviet citizens' rights. It said juridical workers "must overcome mistaken positions contained in Soviet theories on evidence. Of just that kind in the theory of academician A. Y. Vishinsky, which denied the need for a court to establish the absolute truth in each case."—Reuter.

India Offers Friendship To Pakistan

New Delhi, Apr. 22.

THE Prime Minister of India, Mr Nehru, told a public meeting at Patna Bihar tonight that whatever might be Pakistan's approach towards her problems India would remain her good neighbour and would always extend her hand of friendship.

Mr Nehru said India was at present bending her energies on the task of reconstruction. She had received help from America, Russia, and other countries and was thankful to them. She was trying to develop her inner strength now.

Pakistan, Mr Nehru said, had joined the Baghdad Pact and SEATO. She was receiving military aid from America instead of developing her own inner strength.

ABLE MEN

The leaders of Pakistan were individually good and able men in their own way but at best they were men who worked in "daffars" (offices).

So, there was a difference in their approach and India's approach.

Mr Nehru said: "Whatever might be Pakistan's approach," Mr Nehru said, "India will remain her good neighbour. She will always extend her hand of friendship to Pakistan. We should not do anything which will worsen our relations with Pakistan."

Mr Nehru added, however, that India would not forgo her rights.

Mr Nehru spoke of atomic weapons which, he said, had posed the biggest note of integration before the world and the question whether atomic energy should be utilised for the benefit or destruction of mankind would have to be answered soon, than later.

—Reuter.

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A British Crossword Puzzle

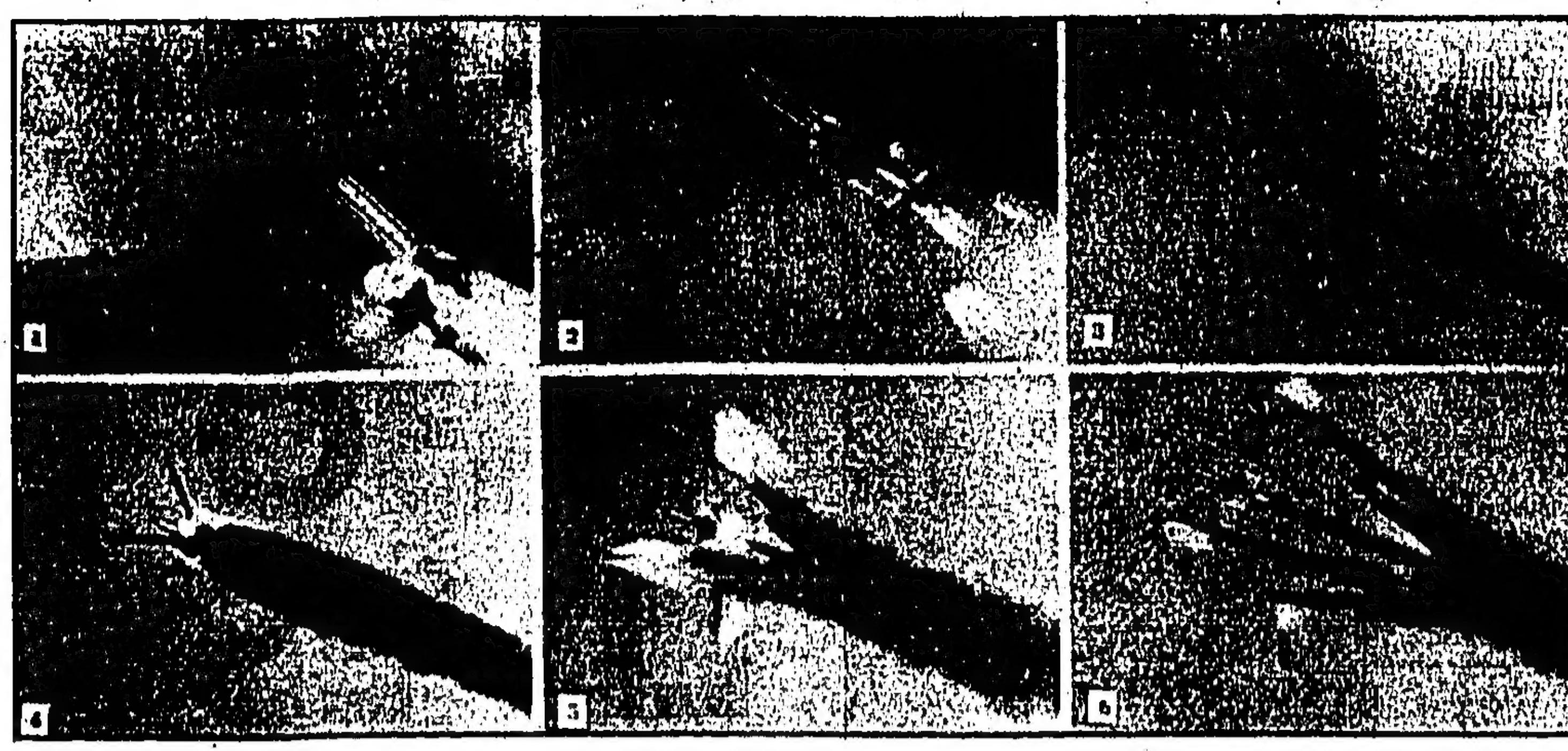


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TEST FIRING OF BI-FUEL EXPERIMENTAL ROCKET



These official photographs, released by the British Ministry of Supply, show a test firing of a bi-fuel experimental rocket. The test was carried out on the Ministry's range at Aberporth, Cardigan, Wales. — Reuterphoto.

Acid-Burned Columnist's Chances Uncertain

New York, Apr. 22. LABOUR columnist Victor Riesel still was under constant medical examination and treatment today, and his chances of seeing again with his acid-burned eyes were "dangerously uncertain."

A vial of sulphuric acid was thrown in Riesel's face near Times Square early on April 5 after he had made a radio broadcast attacking labour racketeers. He has been in St Clare's Hospital under constant guard and treatment since.

A bullet was shot from his bed-side last night said Riesel's condition remained "materially unchanged" and that "every measure possible" was being taken to head off complications.

DEFINITE SIGNS

"His facial burns are showing definite signs of healing," the bulletin said, "but the future of his sight . . . is even yet dangerously uncertain." Al Levy, assistant to Riesel, whose column runs in the New York Daily Mirror and nearly 200 other newspapers, said doctors still stood on a recent statement by four internationally known eye specialists who examined the writer. The specialists said it would be several weeks before any definite conclusion could be reached on Riesel's chances of seeing again. —United Press.

International Situations Easing

—Aneurin Bevan

London, Apr. 22. The British left-wing Labour Party leader, Mr Aneurin Bevan, said today that with the visits to Britain of the Soviet leaders in Nikolai Bulganin and Nikita Khrushchev, of Vice-Premier Georgi Malenkov, the international situation was "fortunately" easing.

"It is perhaps too soon to be optimistic," said Mr Bevan, "but nevertheless the international situation is better than it was."

Criticising the Western Allies' plans to aid Germany to build an army, Mr Bevan said: "We had been told by the brass hats that we must rearm Western Germany, because we were so weak the Russians would be through to the Channel in six weeks."

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"We have not got the 12 German divisions, but we have got the Russians through to Windsor (the country residence of Queen Elizabeth, which Bulganin and Khrushchev visited today)." —France-Press.

Curfew In Cyprus Town

Nicosia, Apr. 22. Large sectors of Paphos were put under curfew tonight after the shooting of a Cypriot Greek earlier today in a street of Paphos—a town mainly inhabited by Cypriot Greeks.

The curfew will be imposed every night until further notice as from this evening.

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US Cold Towards Stevenson's H-Bomb Ideas

By Paul Scott Rankine

Washington, Apr. 22. Mr Adlai Stevenson's proposal that the United States should set an example to the world by banning further hydrogen bomb tests had a cool reception in administration circles today.

Officials refused to comment directly upon yesterday's speech by Mr Stevenson, Democratic presidential candidate, because they regarded his speech as purely political.

It was described as one of the sharpest attacks upon President Eisenhower's foreign policy yet made in the current presidential election campaign.

Not United

But officials recalled that in response to similar suggestions by Soviet and other spokesmen, it had previously been pointed out that the purpose of these bomb tests was fundamentally pacific and defensive. They were part of a programme to keep the United States in a position to ensure a solid peace in the world.

Democrats are by no means united behind Mr Stevenson in calling for such a ban.

Senator Clinton Anderson, Democrat chairman of the joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee, said yesterday that he could not agree with Mr Stevenson's proposal because there was no indication that the Soviet Union, who have exploded eight atomic bombs in the last six months, would follow the United States example and stop their tests.

On the Way

Meanwhile, preparations are well under way for the United States' next hydrogen bomb test in the Pacific in May.

Reporters selected to cover the test are already en route to the Eniwetok proving grounds and there is no sign of any intention to cancel the tests. —China Mail Special.

Queen Attends Wedding



The Queen smiles a greeting as she arrives for the wedding of Captain Ferris Bowes-Lyon, Scots Guards, and Miss Mary McConaughay at St. Margaret's, Westminster. The bridegroom is the nephew of the Queen Mother, who was also present at the wedding. —China Mail Special.

Wherever the Duke of Edinburgh looks, the image of that other Consort is there—with a warning

A GHOST is a difficult thing to live with. The spectre of Albert, Prince Consort, with haughty face and mutton-chop whiskers, is no ephemeral being which appears in Buckingham Palace on an occasional midnight with a clank of chains.

Albert is always there... a perpetual example, a permanent warning to the man who must ever wear his shoes — Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

One of Philip's first self-appointed tasks when he became Duke of Edinburgh was to read and study the life and letters of the man who preceded him as husband of a sovereign Queen.

But long before that it must have become very clear to the Duke that he would never escape from his personal ghost.

Materially Albert is everywhere in the royal homes.

His eyes look down from the many paintings in the state rooms at the Palace and at Windsor. He stares petulantly from the walls of the private apartments too.

At Balmoral there is a life-sized statue in the entrance hall. There are reminders wherever the Duke wanders.

Albert's piano stands in the Bow Room at Buckingham Palace.

Albert's china all the stuff he brought from Germany... clutters up the cabinets.

But these are only the reliques.

Public eye

THE strong bonds between Albert, Prince Consort, and Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, are far from being just dust collecting memoria.

Regarding their mutual loathing of the unblinking public eye, Albert hated the Press. It was he who, with soft persuasion in his guttural voice, beguiled the young Queen Victoria into making her ladies-in-waiting promise not to keep diaries



Prince Albert is the perpetual example to the man who must always wear his shoes.

"Lest the secrets of Palace life should disastrously become public property."

The Duke of Edinburgh does not hate the Press.

But he has an intense dislike of the film-star approach to life. He finds the harsh hot light of the television cameras hard to take; the everlasting eyes-dazzling flash guns a refutation of the self-accepting way of life of the junior naval officer he once was.

Albert often sneered at the Press.

"This," he wrote to his brother Ernst, "does not appear in the newspapers. Exactly for this reason, it is true."

The Duke of Edinburgh has never sneered. But he has often flinched as he contemplates the tight circle around him. As his popularity grows, so does the supposed to meet Canadian number of cameras. More and American newspaper men and women who had been on tour with the royal party he shook hands with two or three, said, "This is a waste of time," and turned away.

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THE MAN WHO LIVES WITH A GHOST



by
ROBERT GLENTON

It is a happy and healthy marital state and one with which the Queen agrees.

In their solicitude for their wives, the Duke and Albert could almost be described as busy.

"Victoria must go to the seaside," ordered Albert.

Expert at looking after people, even when they don't want to be looked after, the Duke of Edinburgh was once heard on a snowy morning in Canada to ask the Queen why she wasn't wearing overshoes. He suggested that she should go back and put them on—and so she did.

He has a habit of opening windows wide and saying: "It's much better for you." The Queen Mother has been known to grumble: "There's half a gale blowing through the place."

The Duke tries to make official occasions amusing too, for he thinks this removes the strain on the Queen. Driving past a silent band at the roadside, he sang to his lips and played an imaginary flute. Once, when he missed his cue at a Services parade he followed his belated salute with a thumbs up gesture.

"Well, I'm glad you are content," said the Duke. "But I can tell you the Queen would have been awfully put out if she had lost her precious bag."

And in a small Australian town a nervous woman fell over as she curtsied to him. Everyone laughed. The Duke frowned angrily and after the presentations were over went back to her, asked if she were unwell and insisted on spending much time talking to her.

These are not isolated legends. There are hundreds of such stories and they have sent the Duke's prestige soaring.

From the day they both arrived at the Palace life has run parallel for both the Duke and for Albert.

He often nudges the Queen when he notices anything amusing as they drive along.

"I look out for the crafty people," he said about the crowds who line their route. "The people who 'faint' just as the car approaches and get passed over to the front. They recover just in time to get a good view."

He is very solicitous for the Queen's welfare. When she was watching Shakespeare at the Old Vic after a long day on duty, the Queen dozed. The Duke touched her gently and whispered: "Wakey, wakey."

Regard the attitudes of Albert and Edinburgh towards their sons destined to become Kings of England.

They both display the same sense of severity.

Albert selected the Prince of Wales' friends, bombarded him with advice on his conduct, even planned his sightings for him. And when the Prince of Wales went to University it was Albert who ordered him not to smoke.

Many at the Court have commented on the strictness with which the Duke of Edinburgh rules his children in public.

He has advanced plans for the education of Prince Charles. He wants him to get out into the world, go to boarding school,

to have very much the same life as the Duke had himself.

He is meeting with some resistance. But not so much as when he urged that the little Duke should be taught boxing. On that occasion he certainly did not get his own way. The Queen refused to hear of it.

Clearly, however, the Duke was the case with Albert—having much influence in the moulding of the Heir to the Throne.

Hot kitchens

IT has been written of Albert that "his capable, inventive and industrious German brain was well suited for the task he provided for himself, of running the royal household."

When he was first married he promptly inspected the kitchens and found them "hot and unhealthy" and unsuited for their task.

In his turn the Duke of Edinburgh made a bee-line for the kitchens. He condemned them at once. It had to be pointed out very firmly that the expense of what he wanted done would be exorbitant.

But if the Duke was rebuffed, there was also praise for him. He showed from the very beginning that he was not going to take the way of highly subsidised idle ease.

He was happy indeed when he was allowed to be involved in the repair work and redecoration at Clarence House. He chose colour schemes and helped to hang the pictures. He planned his own room like a ship's cabin.

Soon both Albert and the Duke turned their attention from pots and pans to the world outside the Palace gates.

It didn't take Albert long to become thoroughly embroiled with the pollicians. He hated many of them as much as they detested him. He called Palmerston a rogue and gloated when he lost office.

Into politics

THERE is no evidence that the Duke has had even the smallest dispute with the politicians. In fact, most of them who have met him admire his logic, his depth, and his understanding of the country.

He has found his own way of getting into trouble.

Toke National Service. Even the unlucky Albert did not get criticised when he proclaimed that military life was a manly occupation.

But when in 1953, at Edinburgh University, the Duke said National Service was a very important character-building experience and that few came to harm through it... he really got into hot water.

It was perhaps ill-advised for him to have aired his views in a country torn between the realisation that it must have it.

In my case the Scottish Socialists now made their own opinions clear. The Duke, they said, displayed his passionate militant desire for uniformity. "It would pay the Duke," they thundered, "to remember that the British public will not tolerate such interference by members of the Royal Family."

The Duke has not spoken on this occasion since.

Interference?

AND if the Duke and his predecessor have erred in straying into politics... they have been just as much criticised for too enthusiastically wanting into the nation's commercial life.

When Albert organised his Great Exhibition it proved a great success and brought a fillip to trade.

But it made many politicians angry: some cried out the prince that it be struck by lightning, others threatened to blow it up.

Only a short while ago the Duke decided to play an active part in the progress of the British motor industry. He

informed the War Office of his views about the value of the Harry Ferguson car as a military vehicle.

The industry, harassed by labour costs, export battles, and falling sales, is far from pleased. It has accused the Duke of interference and ignorance.

But although both the Duke and Albert have been told to mind their own business there is this difference. Albert never learned. The Duke's error—it error it be—is that of a man who is trying very hard to do his best and his duty.

The Duke has had much less time than had Albert to let his ambitions make an impact on the country; he has already shown that he is determined to understand and fit his life in the framework of the public will.

He is not going to languish in surly defiance behind the red-coated sentries and the liveried footmen at Buckingham Palace. And his willingness to learn has already brought him much more profit than did Albert's obstinacy.

By simple design, an early humility, and a careful study of the life of his predecessor, the Duke's position in this country is far stronger.

Poor Albert. It was 17 years before he was regarded as a British Prince.

Refused title

SITTING in Balmoral in September 1857, Albert wrote: "I am to have the title Prince Consort of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland." This ought to have been done at our wedding. But you also know in what a state affairs were here at the time... I refused the title of a peer as being below my dignity."

Albert was very worried that the young Prince of Wales would have precedence over him. His worries might have been justified. The fact remains that people and Parliament were very angry that he was made Consort.

How differently Prince Philip behaved. First, without a murmur about his royal background, he accepted naturalisation and the title of Lieutenant Mountbatten.

Then came his Dukedom. There was no grumble of it being beneath his dignity, even though he were just thirtieth in the Order and although his son Prince Charles, Duke of Cornwall, was to head the list.

Because of his immediate popularity it was very easy for the Queen to do almost immediately what Queen Victoria had found impossible for 17 long years.

Lives diverge

SHE was able to decree that the Duke should be the first man in the land, taking precedence only after her on every state occasion.

With that just comparison the lives of Albert and the Duke diverge and never meet again.

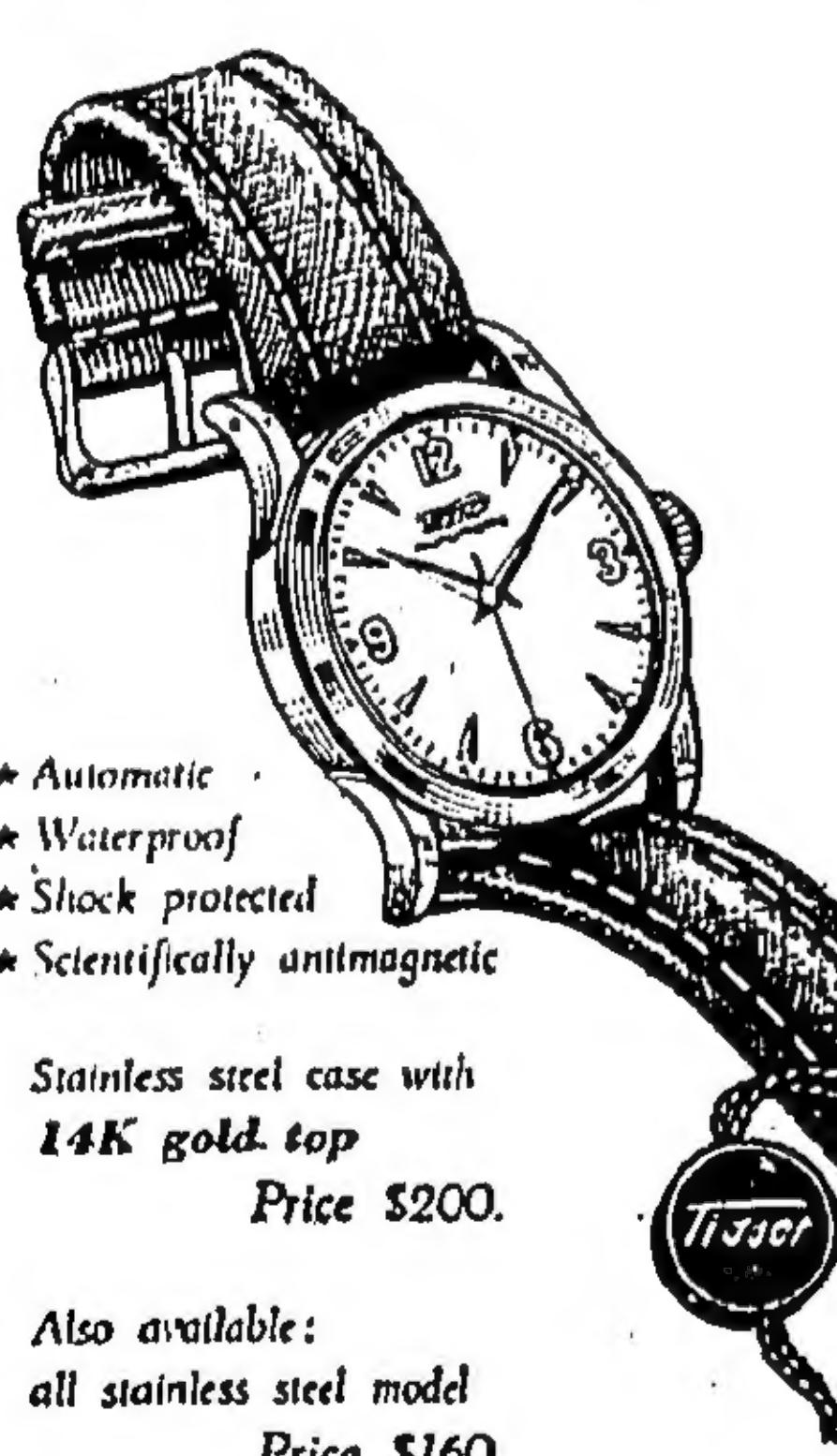
Consciously or otherwise, the Duke has denied that autocratic ancestry that flows in his blood as it flowed in Albert's.

Where Albert regarded himself as always superior to the people, the Duke has come down from his pedestal of rank to meet them, to laugh and to sympathise with them.

He is high in our esteem. Only his own words or deeds could bring the cheer or still the loud praise.

And with the lesson of the brooding Prince Albert around him—with the moody ghost in every Palace corridor—it is hard to believe that the Duke, with such a bright future, could ever commit such an error.

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Russia Plans—An Artificial Climate

By NORMAN LINDHURST

The Soviet theory is that by damming the Polar current, the Japanese Gulf Stream could be redirected farther north to warm the Siberian and Alaskan coasts. At present this stream breaks east off the Japanese coast, flowing to the Pacific coast of Canada and the United States.

The plan involves the building of dams across the Bering Strait and between the Siberian mainland and the island of Sakhalin. The pumping (by nuclear energy) of enormous quantities of "warm" water from the Pacific Ocean into the East Siberian Sea behind the Bering Strait, and the creation of a giant artificial lake in the middle of Siberia by means of nuclear blasting.

Damming of the Bering Strait would be designed to halt the southward flow through the Strait, of cold Polar currents which influence the weather of the Siberian maritime provinces and Alaska.

The proposed dam between the Siberian mainland and Sakhalin Island would be designed to block the flow southward of cold currents from the Sea of Okhotsk into the

Sea of Japan. In theory this would moderate the climate along the Siberian coast on the Sea of Japan and reduce the period that Vindivostok, Russia's main Pacific port, is icebound and would (theoretically) moderate the harsh climate of the Siberian interior.

Soviet scientists claim that, by redirecting the flow of warm and cool ocean currents, high and low pressure atmospheric areas could be altered. This in turn, it is argued, would produce basic changes in world weather patterns.

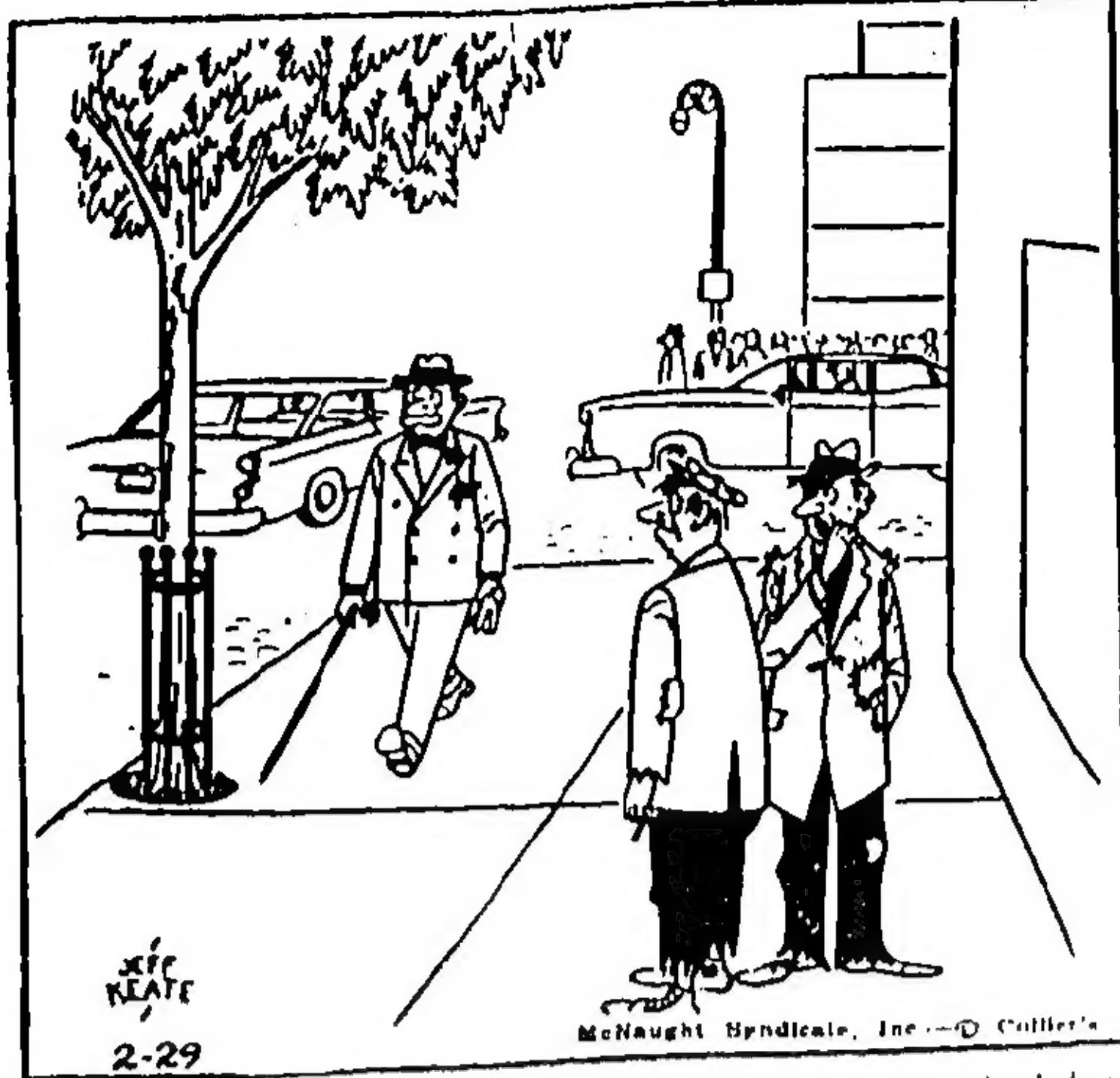
EFFECT ON TYPHOONS

German scientists have long speculated that if the Russians can effect alterations in the Siberian climate, this would have repercussions on continental European weather and climate.

The elimination of most of the mass of cold air moving into Europe from the Polar regions, according to some scientists, might even give Europe an eventual sub-tropical climate.

The Siberian project would be of direct benefit to Alaska and the far Canadian north, it is claimed, but would make the weather along Japan's eastern coast worse. The cold current from the Sea of Okhotsk would be deflected, by the Siberian mainland-Sakhalin dam, away from the Siberian coast on the Sea of Japan and into the Pacific along the east coast of Sakhalin and Japan.

This Funny World



2-29

"Ask him for half a dollar, man.

You've got to learn to think big!

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

PEOPLE a bit pay to see the great house of England in becoming more exciting in their demand.

It is no use trying to tell them off, a Rembrandt to two, a bit of armour, and the bed in which King Alfred slept. There must now be a milk bar, a playground for the children, slot machines for fortune-telling, cardboard animals with a hole for a human head, an aquarium, ice-cream, and straw hats with "See You" and "On Your Way, Sailor" written round the bands.

Signor Nubworth

A LEADING musical critic complains that a cabin-name, such as "Holland", is only used in shelf drama or film material for a full-length opera. He says that there would be nothing ludicrous in translating the names into Italian as training of the language of optimism or exuberance. The anguished cry of "Holland" in Act II would, he thinks, gain by becoming "Hogwarts". That may be so, but the Huntingdon title may well have been lost, and one might as well have the library on the names of Milanese cabin-men. Besides, how would you translate into Italian, "Nubworth", F. T. R. "

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THIS
SPACE!

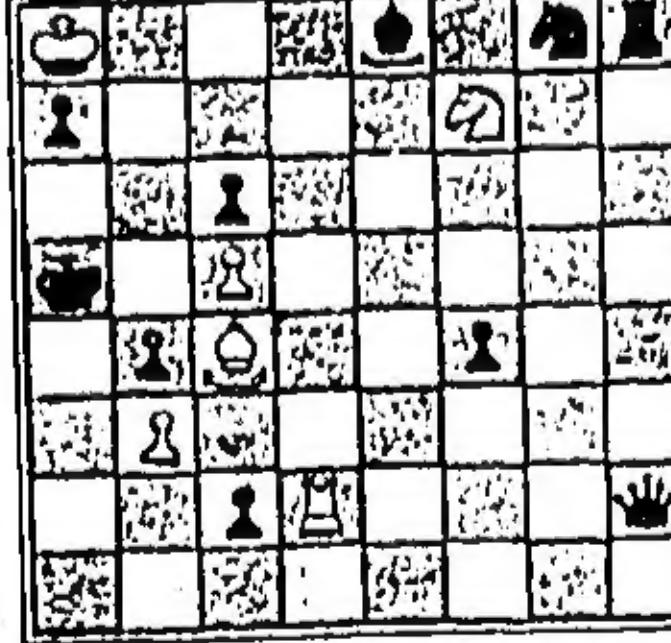
What on earth?

THE Society of Friends of the Water Boards is appealing to the Boards to make it an offence for coal merchants to use water for wetting stocks of coke. The merchants will probably retaliate by leaving their stocks on golf greens at water-taking time. That is why so many

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. LIMBACH

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.

White to play; mate in three.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. P-K4, any; 2. Q, R (ch), or dis ch), or Kt (dis ch) mates.

TARGET

How many four-letter or more words can you make out of the letters in the squares in the making each word the word?

small squares may be used only. Each letter in the word or words must be at least one letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no words, words, good; or words, very good, or words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Affect

AFFECTION comm. coll. face

feel faint faint face faint

face faint faint inject; office

often big.

• JACOBY
ON BRIDGE

Game Depends On Club Play

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH could count only eight sure tricks at his three no-trump contract in today's hand. The ninth trick could be the king of hearts or setting up the clubs without a heart lead through his king.

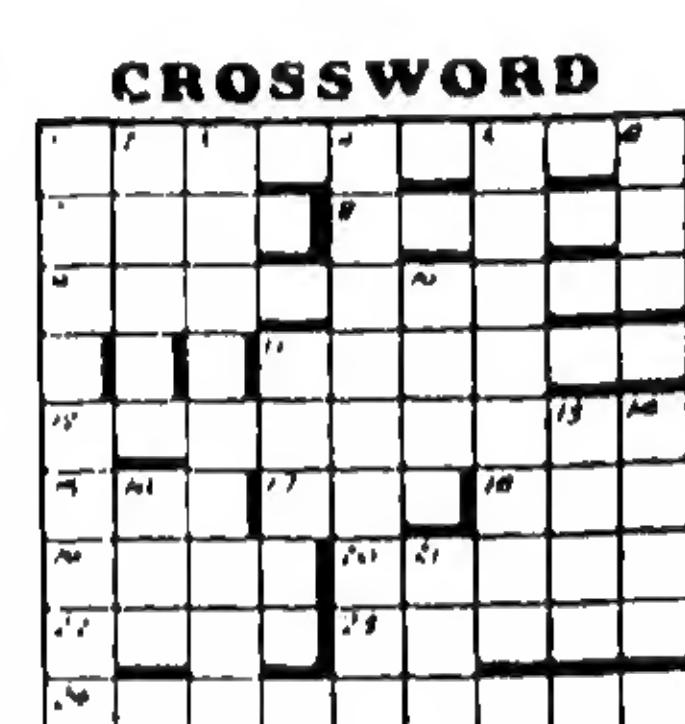
For this reason declarer won the first trick in the dummy with the queen of spades and immediately returned a low club from the dummy.

Now put yourself in East's place. Would you hop up with the queen of clubs? This would cost a trick if your partner had three clubs headed by the jack. Despite this danger it would be correct to step up with the queen of clubs, but it would take a player with both skill and courage to do so.

When the hand was played, East lacked one or both these

NORTH	22		
♦ Q 8 3			
♦ 6 4 2			
♦ K J 10 6			
♦ A 5 2			
WEST	10		
♦ 10 9 4 2	♦ 9 5		
♦ A 9 3	♦ Q J 10 8		
♦ 8 5	♦ 9 7 4 3 2		
♦ K J 10	♦ Q 6		
SOUTH (D)			
♦ A K J			
♦ K 7 5			
♦ A Q			
♦ 9 8 7 4 3			
North-South vul.			
South	West	North	East
INT	Pass	3 NT	Pass
Pass			
Opening lead: ♠ 4			

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qualities. He played a low club at the second trick, and the defense collapsed.

West was forced to win the second trick with ten of clubs. If West then made a neutral lead, declarer would wait, take the ace of clubs and give up a club. The clubs would then be established, and South would be sure of ten tricks.

Weast made his best play by leading a low heart at the third trick. This would save the day if South had the queen instead of the king of hearts. As it turned out, South got a heart trick as a result of this lead, and declarer then wisely ran his nine tricks to make sure of the game contract.

If East had stepped up with the queen of clubs at the second trick, he would have led the queen of hearts. This would defeat the contract.

CARD Sense ♦♦
Q—The bidding has been.
North East South West
INT Pass ?
You, Harold, hold:
A 2 ♦ K Q J 6 3 2 ♦ K J 8 4 3
What do you do?
A—Bid three hearts. You expect to bid a slam eventually, but the jump takeout is enough for the game.

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UPSETS THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN WEEK-END LEAGUE SOCCER MATCHES

By "TOUCHWOOD"

Spectacular upsets seemed to be the order of the day in week-end Senior Soccer League matches. On Saturday the redoubtable defending Champions, South China, suffered a humiliating defeat after taking a commanding 4-1 lead, only for Sing Tao to tie the score, and then go on to nip in the winning goal to the deafening cheers of the crowd.

Yesterday's Eastern versus Kwong Wah encounter at the Police ground at Boundary Street likewise produced a shock result. Prior to the match even the fondest supporters of the Kwong Wah camp could only hope for a close match, but the manner in which Eastern pilled up a convincing 3-0 lead gave an early indication that the Kwong Wah boys were in for a trouncing.

But not. Kwong Wah disregarded their opponents to such an extent that they not only put in the three goals that tied the match at three-all but went one step further by slamming in the surprise of all surprises for the winning goal scored by Lo Sau-fook. Kwong Wah's earlier scorers were Lo Sau-fook (2) and Woo Chiu-chung (1).

Immediately after Kwong Wah's winning goal, referee Jones sounded the full time whistle and thus ended Eastern's hopes of getting the equaliser to draw a blank.

Failure to capitalise on their three-all lead brought the downfall of Eastern yesterday. Their over-confidence, especially in the second half, enabled Kwong Wah to take the initiative and the numerous attempts by the forward line foraging for goals in Eastern's mouthful indicated that goals would sooner or later come Kwong Wah's way.

DETERIORATED

Eastern's play deteriorated after Cho Wing-keung left the field with a bleeding nose. The result of a collision of heads in front of goal ten minutes from the end. Ironically what was Eastern's loss was Kwong Wah's gain for obstructing Hau Ching-to who was about to lift his foot for a crack at goal. Ko Po-keung, who took the spot kick, gave Jimmy Chang no chance whatsoever with a deft kick.

When the interval arrived Eastern added no further goals to their score but 12 minutes after resumption centre-forward Kwok Ying-lok booted a stiff shot towards Jimmy Chang punched the ball right into Lau Chi-kin who in turn tapped the ball over to Cho Wing-keung who slipped it right past the Kwong Wah goalkeeper.

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To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

(Signed)

THE GAMBOLS



RIGHT INTO THE GOAL



Sims, the Aston Villa goalkeeper failed to save this shot from Brooks, the Spurs' inside-left (seen on extreme right), for Tottenham's fourth goal at White Hart Lane on April 7.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER

ARMY 5. NAVY 2

Enthusiasm Was More In Evidence Than Pure Soccer Skill

By I. M. MacTAVISH

In spite of the heat and the bright sunshine at Causeway Bay yesterday, these two Services sides contrived to serve up some entertaining football although enthusiasm was generally more in evidence than pure soccer skill.

The Army forwards made many well planned raids on the sailors' goal and it is certain that they would have run up a very impressive total of counters had it not been for a brilliant display by Cater between the sticks. The Navy keeper was in grand form and he did not require his bushy beard to make him the most prominent figure on the field.

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The soldiers' had a heavy share of pre-match worries when both inside-forwards, White and Martin, failed to put in an appearance. This meant a lot of re-shuffling, but Frizzell who took over from Martin at inside-left had a very good game and four of the goals came from his thoughtful leading up work.

Jack Glasgow toiled incessantly in an effort to get his Navy mates to produce just a little bit extra. He roared all over the place encouraging and coaxing but within striking distance of goal he was well looked after by Egerton.

The Army took the lead in the 15th minute. Frizzell beat several opponents and held the ball just long enough for Middleton to run into position. As the ball came through the middle Jones failed to intercept and Middleton blasted a tremendous shot into the Navy net.

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Egerton, Tolfray, Chalmers and Frizzell got top marks in the Army side... while the sailors who qualify for special mention were Coles, Jones, Glasgow and Bird... but of course the modal of merit goes to goalkeeper Cater for a courageous display.

VERDICT

Goals by Ho Cheung-yau, Chu Wing-wah (penalty), Mok Chun-wah and Lee Yuk-tin against one by Young Wal-to.

TEAMS

Navy: Cater; Pullar, Glencross; Coles, Jones, Vickers; Young, Guest, Glasgow, Bird, W. Jones, Army: Charlesworth; McMillan, Mullett; Hogan, Egerton, Tolfray, Chalmers, Middleton, Powering, Chalmers, Frizzell, McLoughlin.

Sing Tao 5, S. China 4

I cannot remember when last I enjoyed a game as much as I did this one. It was a pulsating encounter and the Club stands on Saturday afternoon were no place for folks with weak hearts... in fact weak hearts would have been as much out of place as I would be in the 100 Metres event at the Melbourne Olympics.

When half-time came with the Tigers trailing by 4 goals to 1 you could have staked your odds on a Sing Tao victory. If anybody had heard you suggest

that such a thing was a possibility, you would either have been ejected from the stadium as an undesirable or regarded as one in need of protection.

I wonder if we shall ever know what magic elixir was injected into the Army and sorely tormented Tigers during the halfway break. Whatever it was it should be jealously guarded as the most important secret invention of modern times. The transformation was virtually fantastic and when Tak-tung swung his boot at ball a few seconds after the re-start and had the satisfaction of seeing it scream its way into the South China net the first signs of the interval tonic became visible.

DIFFERENT HALVES

I doubt if there has ever been a game with two such different halves. First it was all South China. Their brilliant young forwards ripped the Tigers' vintage rearguard to ribbons. Goals came with regularity and it was all too obvious that Hau Yung-sang, Chang Kam-ho and Bobby Fonsiball had no answer to the sure-footed play of the opposition.

COOPER, 10-year-old Australian Hard Court Champion, was unable to play in a tennis tournament yesterday because he injured his right ankle playing squash on Friday.

He first injured the ankle in a school football match four years ago and is now worried that the weakness may be permanent.

COOPER, from Victoria, is in the official Australian team chosen to visit Europe this Summer.

In their official rankings announced last week, the Australian Lawn Tennis Association placed Cooper third behind Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall—Reuter.

The defence was as wide open as a philanthropist's heart... and the gift was accepted as all good gifts should be.

HALF-HEARTED

South China made a half-hearted effort to save the game but brilliant goalkeeping by Wong Sui-chow—unstirred no doubt by panic and anxiety—committed the crude and unnecessary foul on an opponent and won over his marching orders. It was significant that even with so many South China supporters in the crowd the referee's decision was accepted as inevitable and in silence.

From the resultant kick Wong Tak-fook placed the ball into the goalmouth and Lo Kwok-tai headed home the winner... but Ooi The South China evergreen.

VERDICT

Football like this is a superb advertisement for the game... congratulations to the Tigers... and a word of consolation for South China... Referee Dawson did a fine job with the whistle... but thanks to both teams for a grand soccer memory.

Budge Patty Wins French Singles Title

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BASEBALL

New York Yankees Pass Their First Test With 13-6 Win Over Red Sox

New York, Apr. 22.

The New York Yankees passed their first test in defence of the American League Championship with flying colours on Sunday when they once again blasted the Boston Red Sox, 13-6, to complete a sweep of their three-game series.

Home runs by Joe Collins, Don Larsen and Yogi Berra paced the Yanks' 10-hit assault. In three days at Yankee Stadium, the New Yorkers blasted Boston pitchers for seven homers and a grand total of 34 runs.

The victory kept the Yankees a half-game ahead of the Chicago White Sox in the early A.L. pennant chase, as southpaw Billy Pierce of the Sox pitched after seven innings because of darkness. Bud Bush walked home Cincinnati tying run in the last half of the seventh.

Larsen's homer for the Yanks was a grand slam, but reliever Bob Grim was the pitcher on the scene to get credit for the victory with a four-run, tie-breaking rally in the seventh inning on a two-run double by Mickey Mantle and Berra's two-run homer.

Two American League doubleheaders at Cleveland and Baltimore produced splits.

ARLINGTON OPEN GOLF

Young Pro From Texas Wins \$15,000 Prize

Hot Springs, Arkansas, Apr. 22.

Billy Maxwell, a young pro from Odessa, Texas, calmly sank a 20-foot putt for a birdie on the final hole today to edge out George Bayer and Ernie Vossler by one stroke to win the \$15,000 Arlington Open.

Maxwell, who lost two earlier tournaments with erratic final rounds this year, played with a grin on his face all day and shot a 69 to give the Indians the nightcap, 5-2, scattering nine hits for his first win. Vic-Werl's two-run homer led the Indians' attack.

At Baltimore, rookie southpaw Fred Bessan of Baltimore got credit for a 7-3 win in the opener when veteran reliever Harry Dorish helped him out of a seventh-inning jam. Dorish suffered a spike cut that required 12 stitches and will be out at least three weeks.

Camilo Pascual allowed four hits and fanned nine to win the nightcap, 4-1, as Baye Vossler went the distance for the Orioles and also fanned nine.

In a National League twin, Robin Roberts pitched a five-hitter to give the Philadelphia Phillies a 3-1 victory over the New York Giants in the first game, before the Giants rallied to win the nightcap, 9-7. Whitey May's three-run homer in the ninth inning, first of the season for the Major League home run king, proved the difference.

THIRD STRAIGHT WIN

Home runs by Drake, Ernie Banks and Monte Irvin led the Chicago Cubs to their third straight win over the Cincinnati Reds with a 67 today to finish in the seventh with 278.

Today he birdied Nos. 5, 6 and 10 before his magnificent effort on the 18th which won a terrific burst of applause from 8,000 in the gallery.

Bayer matched Maxwell's round today and could have beaten it but for a double bogey on the 18th.

Maxwell, who played the entire four rounds in a joyful and relaxed mood, is a former national amateur Champion.—United Press.

TENNIS

Third Ranked Aussie Very Worried Over A Weak Ankle

Melbourne, Apr. 22.

Ashley Cooper, third-ranked player in Australia, said today he is "very worried" that his international lawn tennis career may be threatened by a weak ankle.

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"We don't expect much more from the Tests this time as the grounds were packed on the 1953 tour. But with the intense interest attendances at our County matches may be greater," he added.

Ken Maddocks, Australian wicket-keeper, was confined to bed with influenza today as the weather turned cold and showery, while 20-year-old Ian Craig is still suffering from a cold in the head.

The Australians on the last leg of their journey are due in England on Tuesday morning and will probably have their first practice at Lord's cricket ground on Wednesday.—China Mail Special.

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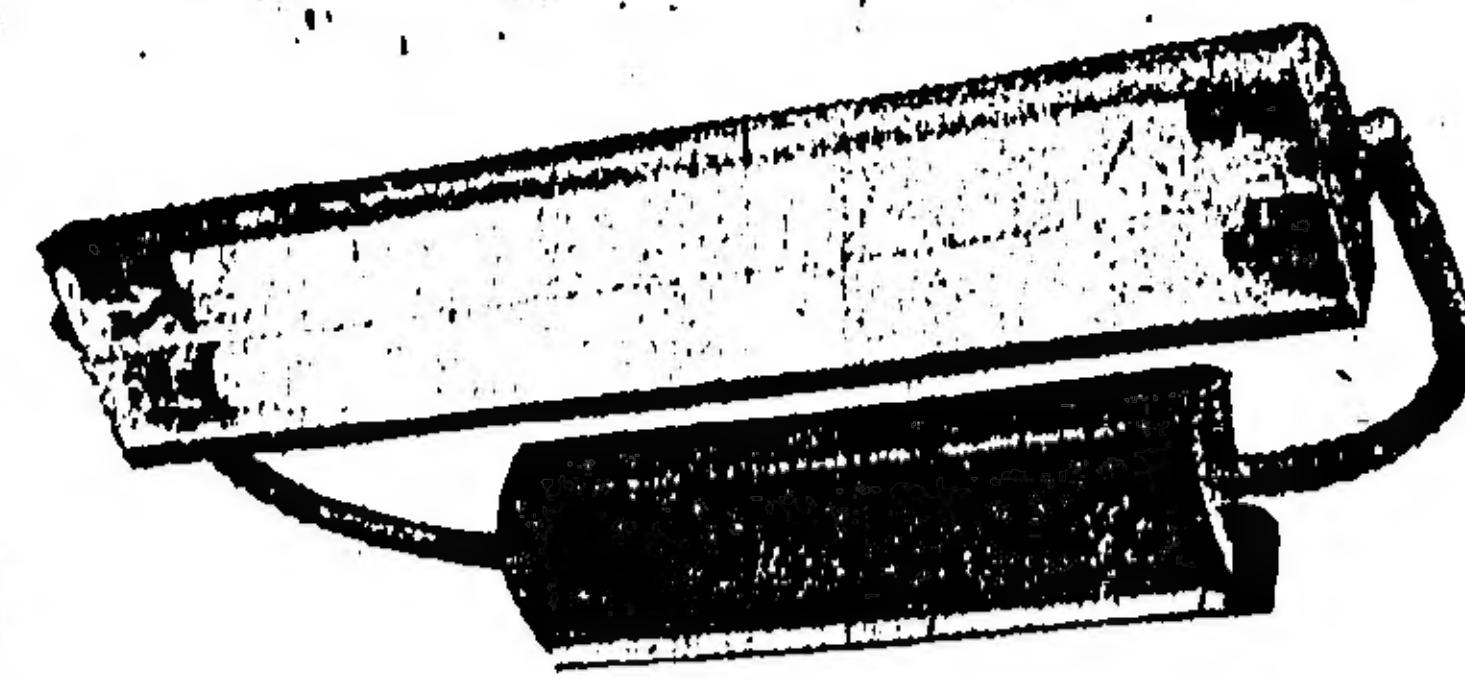
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The special GEC hospital bedhead lighting fitting, showing the control gear casing and the conduit bracket on which the reflector is pivoted.

Lighting Fitting
Overcomes
Special Problem

A DUAL-PURPOSE lighting fitting has recently been designed by The General Electric Co. Ltd to overcome a special problem in the Skin Department of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

Examination and treatment of patients suffering from skin complaints demand ideally from anti-theft lighting a colour rendering equivalent to that of natural daylight, and an intensity of illumination far higher than that normally given by general ward lighting.

A patient, however, would find the intensity desirable for medical purposes uncomfortable for reading.

The new fitting, which is wall-mounted over the bed-head provides a neat solution to this problem.

It consists of a semi-circular sectioned heat steel reflector pivoted on conduit brackets so that a nurse can revolve it through a 180 degrees angle.

The reflector houses two 2 ft 40W colour-matching Osram instant start fluorescent tubes which give the exact colour rendering of north-sky daylight and the intensity necessary for medical treatment.

A baffle plate between the two tubes helps to concentrate the light, and reduce glare.

The damping device may be disengaged when not needed by use of a screw attachment.

The balance is claimed to be ideal for rapid weighing operations in industrial laboratories.

Anti-Oxydant
For Rubber

The Dyestuffs Division of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd has announced the development of a new non-staining anti-oxydant for rubber.

It is described as equal in anti-oxydant power to the powerful staining phenyl-beta-naphthylamine.

Known as Nonox WSP, it is stated to give good protection against aging caused by contamination of the rubber with copper and/or manganese.

Exposure tests show that Nonox WSP delays onset of cracking and retards its development over long periods.

It is pointed out that it should prove useful as an anti-oxydant and copper inhibitor for various compounds, including latex.

RAPID WEIGHING
BALANCE

RECENTLY perfected by Baird and Tatlock (London) Ltd, of Freshwater Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex, England, is a balance specially designed to eliminate the quiver of the pointer before it comes to rest.

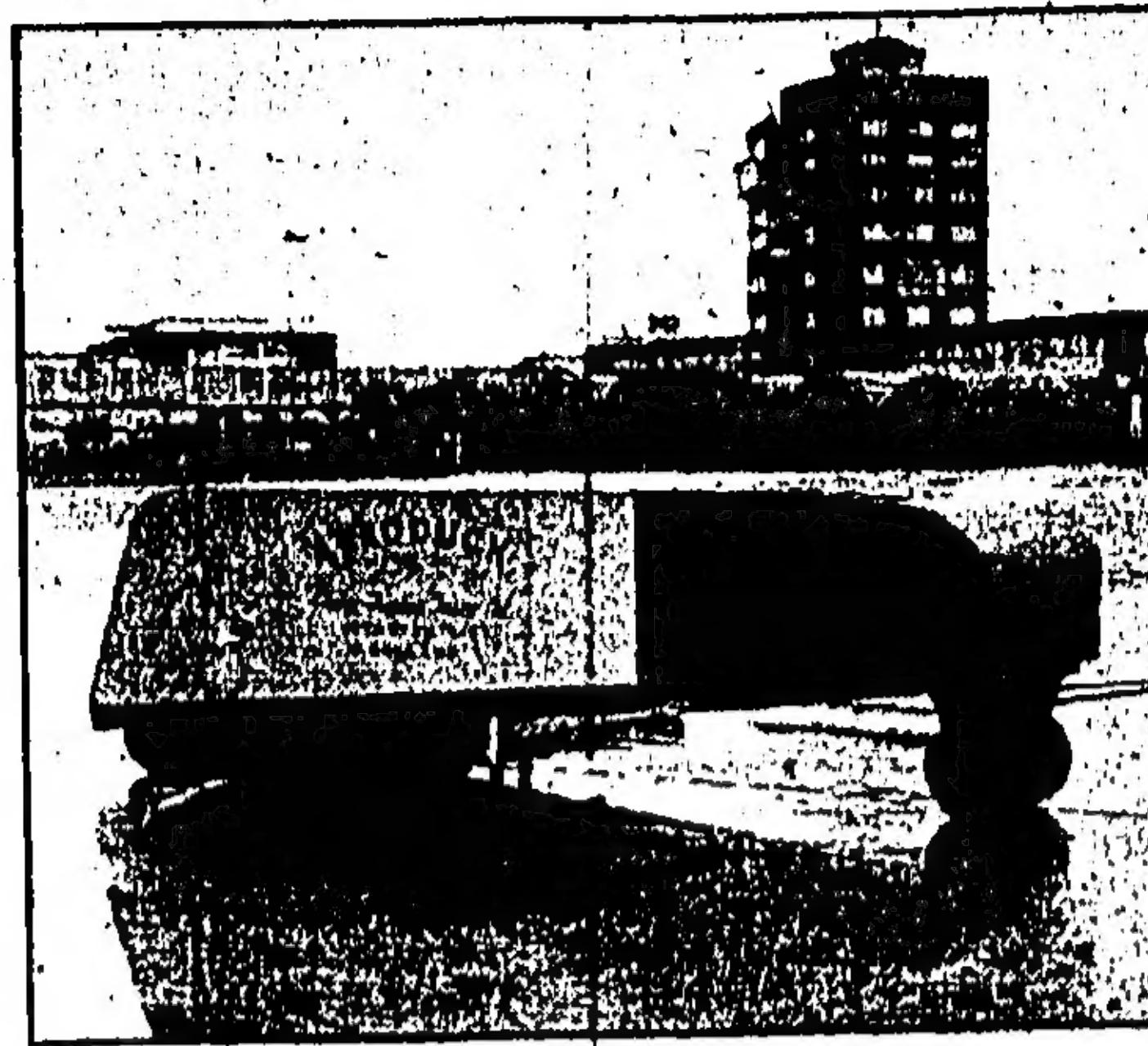
Named the "Butcher," the balance is fitted with a silicone damping device which quickly brings the pointer to a stop.

This is achieved by applying a thin silicone coating to two circular discs placed at the pivot and bearing on the balance's main arm.

Thus friction is induced while the discs are in motion, although the silicone material makes no resistance to movement when the balance is at rest.

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NEW MACHINE KEEPS
RUNWAYS DRY

Firemen drenched the runways with thousands of gallons of water for a demonstration at London Airport of a new machine which, it is claimed, can eliminate the effects of a heavy storm in a matter of minutes. The machine, known as the "Aeroduck", is a giant vacuum mechanism which can suck up water at the rate of 600 gallons in under 10 minutes. The Aeroduck, it is believed, may have the additional advantage of removing pebbles and dust as well as water, and so get rid of three of the biggest dangers to landing aircraft.—Reuterphoto.

REDUCTION
PHOTOSCOPE

THE REDUCTION photoscope recently introduced by Gestetner Ltd, Fawley Road, London, N. 17, may well revolutionise office copying.

Secret of its clarity lies in the method whereby the image can be reduced or enlarged to the size required by the operator. Because of this, the photoscope can condense large pages of figures into a small area for duplication or, alternatively, it can make small print bold and clear on an enlarged reproduction.

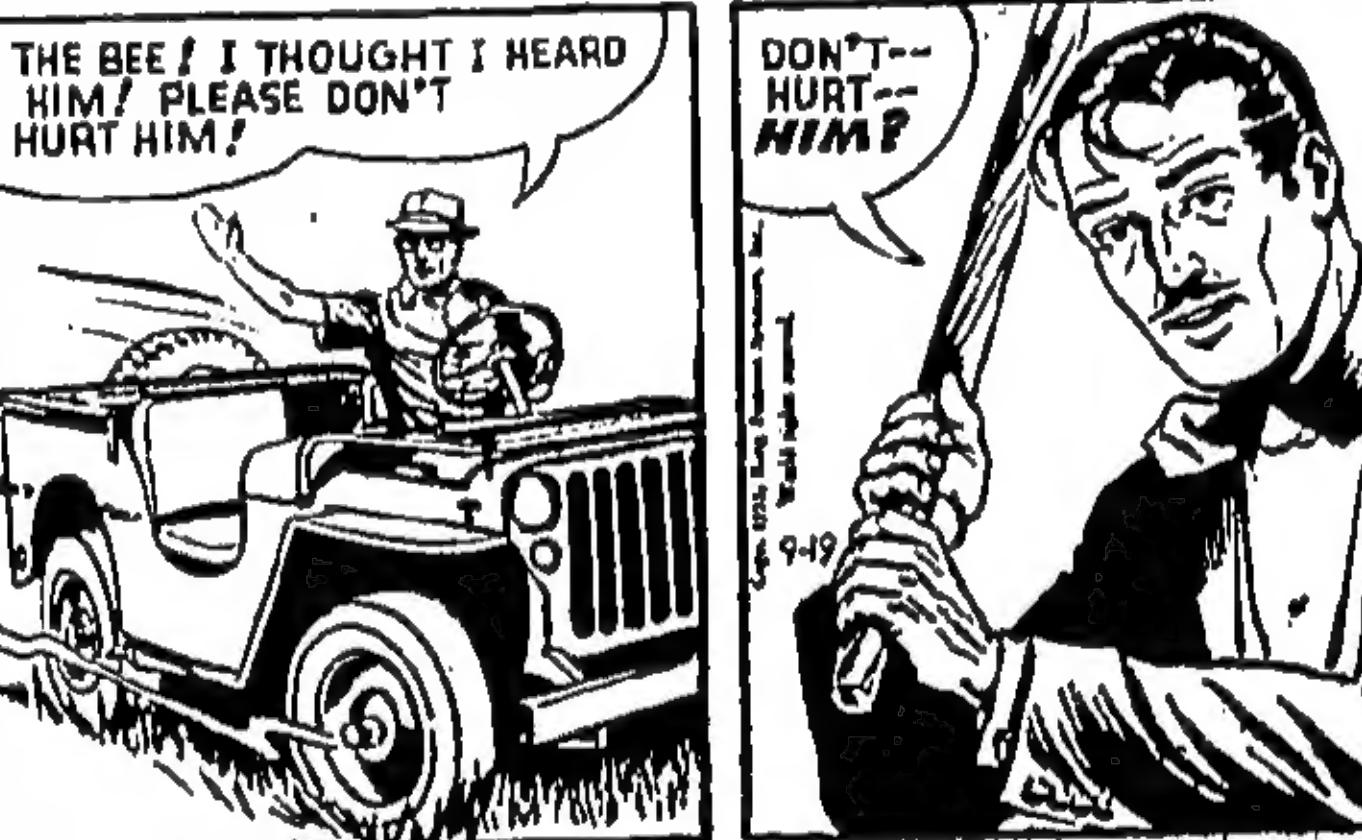
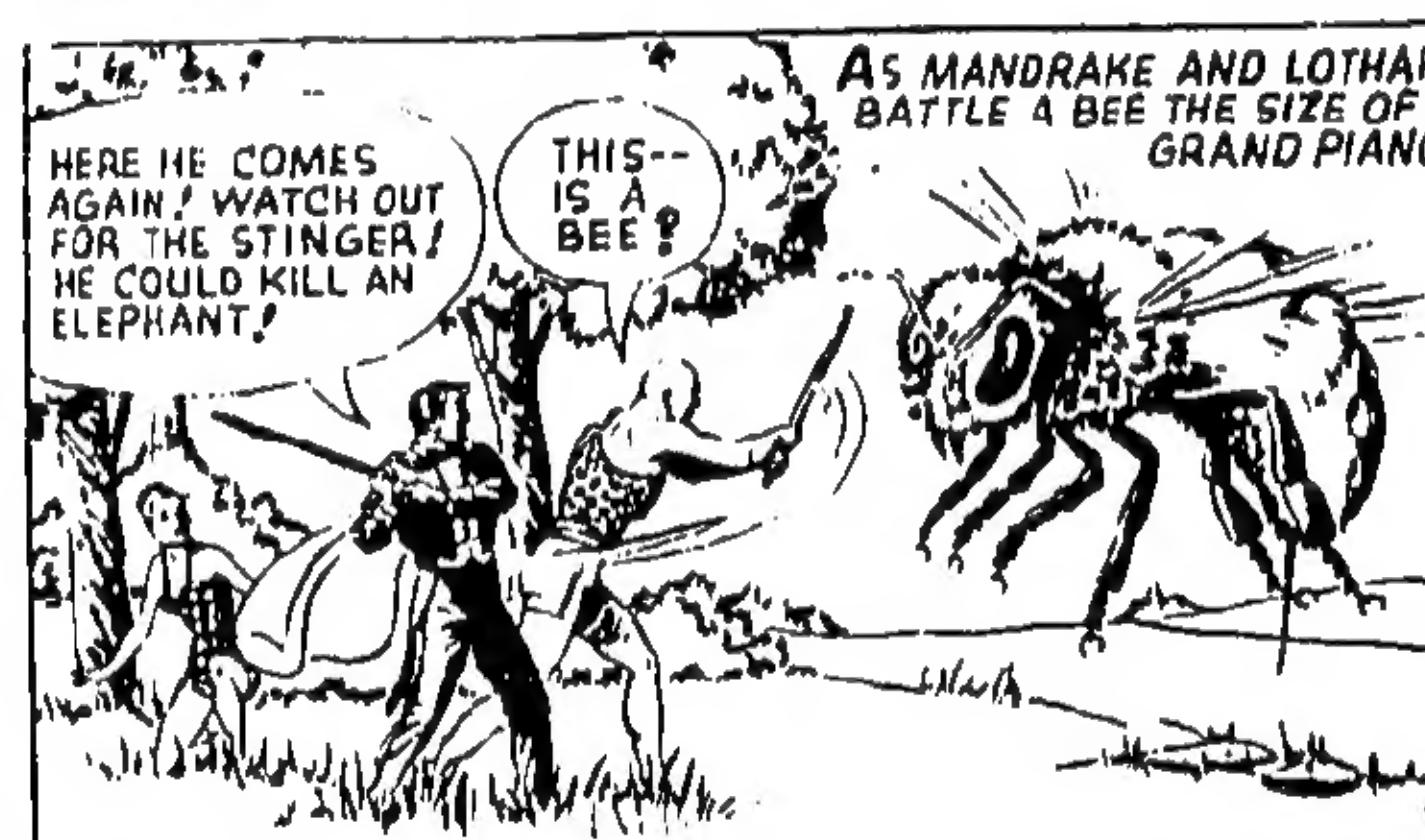
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The reduction photoscope can be used in the normal way to run off as many copies as required.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

Vibration Tightens
New Type Nut

A new nut which tightens instead of loosening under vibration has been designed by Guest, Keen and Nettlefolds (Midlands) Ltd, of Heath Street, Birmingham, England.

It comprises a stack of resilient metal discs assembled by a special manufacturing process in a hollow nut body.

It will be shown for the first time at the British Industries Fair, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, from April 23 to May 4.

When first screwed on to the bolt, the nut is free moving, but as the nut is tightened against the abutments the stack of metal discs undergoes axial compression.

The outer edges of the discs are forced slightly outward and stretched, but are supported by the nut body acting as a pressure ring.

The inner edges of the disc are shortened by the deflection until the threads cut in them contact both flanks of the thread of the bolt under great pressure.

This consists of 12 containers fitted on to a central shaft by means of insulated spring clamps.

The main shaft and spring clamp carry the current to the containers by two horns on the main structure. This fits into the normal plating sequence and is suitable for all types of cleaning processes and plating solutions except for bright zinc and chromium.

Vibration increases the pressure, and the nut is tightened instead of unscrewed.

The nut may be unscrewed, however, or adjusted whenever required.

Vibration transmitted through the nut is considerably damped, thus prolonging the life of the bolt, and thread fatigue is eliminated because of the support given to both flanks of bolt threads.

Thread-jumping in the new nut is impossible, the firm claims.

The nut adjusts itself, is out of square, maintaining 100 per cent thread engagement, whereas a solid nut would give only point-of-line contact on one flank of the bolt threads.

Oil-saturated working conditions will not affect the efficiency of the fully-tightened nut.

Even if the nut is repeatedly under-tightened, vibration in service will itself close the nut on the bolt threads.

Self-Regulation
Alternator

A self-regulating, self-exciting alternator recently developed by a British firm is specially designed for small power or house lighting.

Particular consideration has been given to the need for robust construction, and the ventilating apertures have been designed to allow the maximum air flow to give complete protection against falling particles of moisture or dirt.

Completely protected, the brushgear is, however, easily accessible, and both alternating current and direct current brushes can readily be replaced if necessary.

Standard Range

The alternators are inherently self-regulating with plus-minus two and a half per cent of rated voltage under normal operating conditions at unity power factor.

The standard range of outputs goes from 0.25 kilo-volt-amperes to 2.0 KVA, and the alternators are available for single-phase voltages for 60 cycles or 50 cycles supplies.

Special voltages and frequencies can be supplied on request.

Considerable quantities of these standard alternators, state the makers, have already been supplied to Central and South America, and reports are of complete satisfaction under tropical conditions. Firm is: Tuscan Engineering Company, Ltd, Bridgend, Glamorgan, Wales.

Probe Light

INTERIOR examination of drums and barrels has been simplified by the introduction of a heavy-duty probe illuminator by Engineering Developments Ltd, Adams Place, George's Road, London, N. 2.

Designed to withstand any amount of rough handling, this new probe gives a powerful light produced by a six volt bulb.

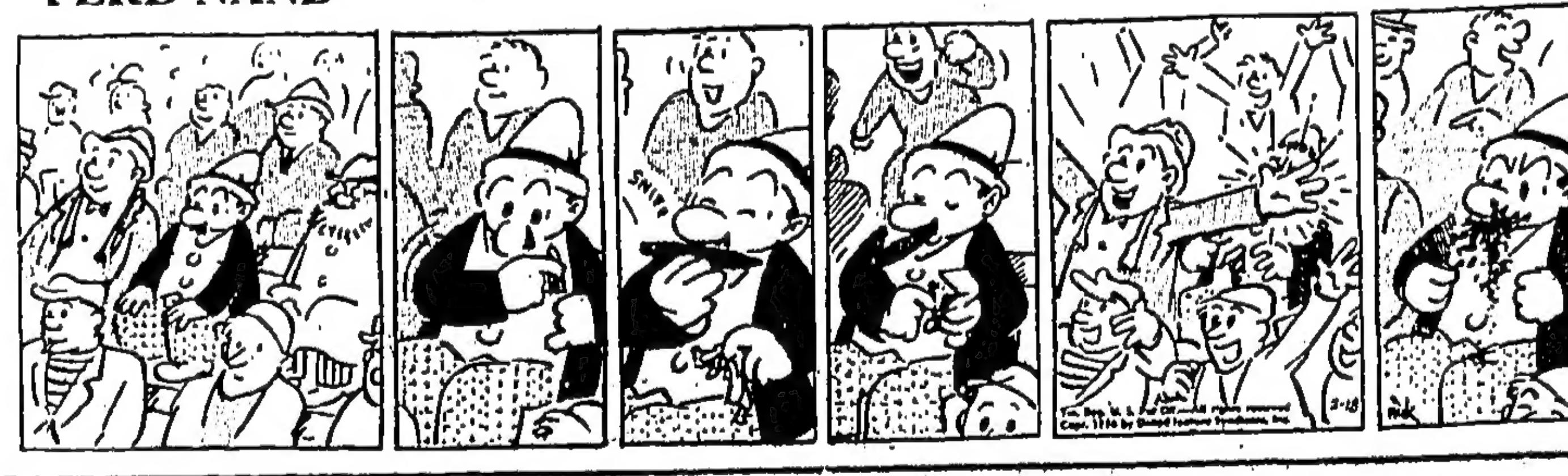
The cylindrical lamp unit, capable of entering almost any container through the filling aperture, is mounted at the end of a tubular arm 21 inches long.

The 15-watt bulb is encased in a heat-and-shock-proof glass shield protected by a wire cage and gives a light sufficiently brilliant to illuminate fully the interior of containers even when they are coated with non-reflecting material.

A push-button switch in the finger-grip handle eliminates any risk of overheat.

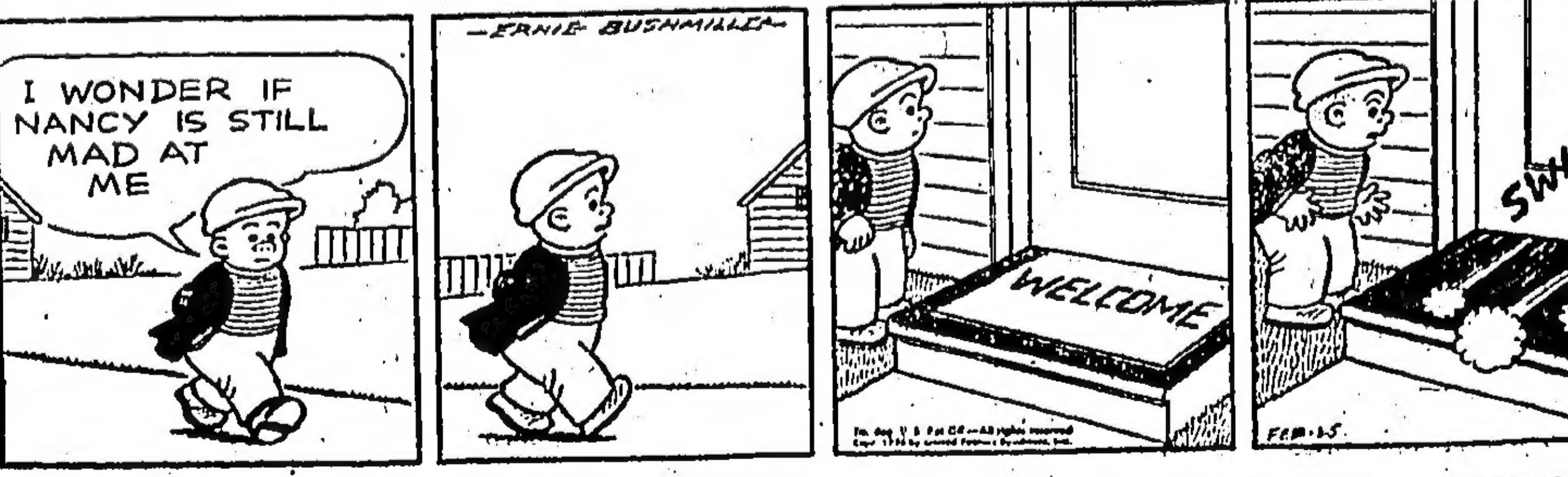
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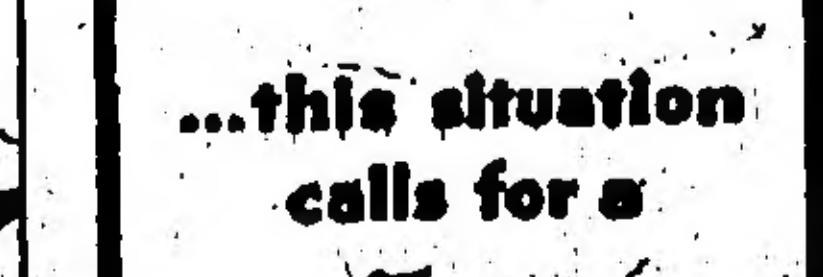
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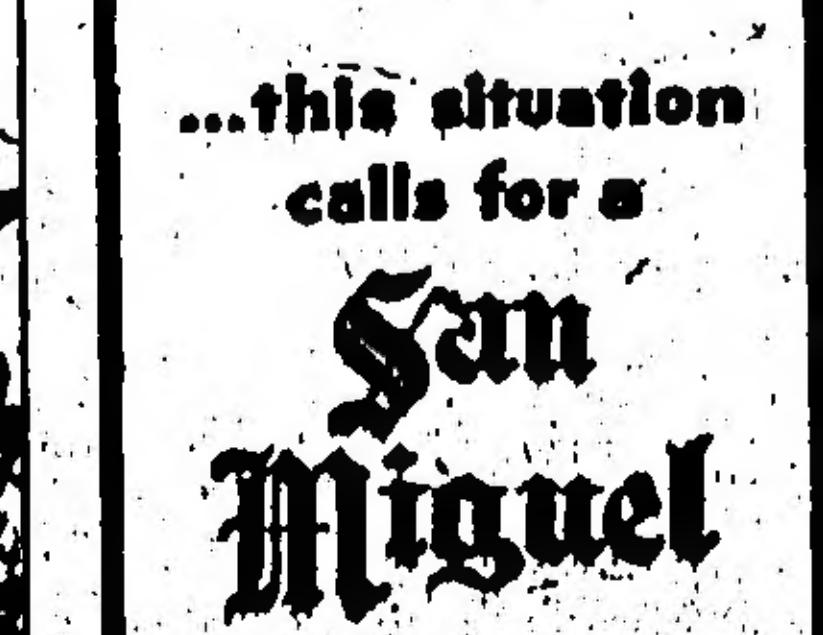
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Grandad
Loses All

IT is not so long since grandfathers were generally regarded as being a sedate, slow-moving section of the community, perhaps to be feared, more likely to be ignored, dismissed as back numbers.

There always were occasional sporting, frisky grandfathers to give the jetty the popular notion, but the generally conformist of hitherto active men into steady patriarchal figures that took place when the first grandchild was born, was as grand as it was said.

Nowadays, as often as not, the transformation operates the other way round.

Men for years worn down by family responsibilities, see their first grandchild as herald of their freedom. It is when they are grandfathers that they begin to live.

UPGRADED

SO, perhaps, Richard hoped it might be with him. Three of his four children were married. He was a grandfather. And he was only 47. Life seemed to him full of promise.

The wages that had used to go to clothing and feeding and saving for six, now needed only to provide for three. And his wages were increasing, for only a few months ago, Richard was upgraded to the rank of checker by the Transport Commission for whom he worked at one of their London depots.

His basic rate of pay—the figure, no doubt, upon which his union would base its periodic claims for more—was £6 14s a week. But for the past two months he had taken home each Friday an average of just over £13. He was doing fine.

MONEY-BOXES

UNTIL the other day. Then there arrived at the depot where Richard worked a tea-chest which had been wrongly routed. Whether it arrived a little bent, or had to be opened for inspection, cannot here be said, but for one reason or the other Richard caught sight of its contents.

The tea-chest was full of children's money-boxes, charmingly made in the shape of animals and birds—attractive enough to tempt any child to save.

Richard, seeing the money-boxes, thought of his grandchildren. He remembered the money struggles he had known. He was overwhelmed by a grandfatherly desire to instill into his children's children a desire to be thrifty and save. He stole five of the money-boxes.

WHY? WHY?

IT was not long before he was caught, and at the Clerkenwell court. Richard pleaded guilty to stealing the money-boxes, which were valued altogether at £2 17s. 8d.

The magistrate, Mr. C. Campion, heard the story. He turned with a sigh to Richard. "What a fool you are," he said, "you have a perfectly good character, and a good job, and you chuck them both away for these silly money-boxes. Why? Why?"

Richard, a slim, dark-haired man whose colour fear of the peril he stood in had drained away, said: "I'm very sorry, it's the first time it's happened, it'll never happen again."

FOR GRANDCHILDREN

"I'M sure you're sorry," the magistrate said, "and I'm sure it won't happen again, but why did you do it when you were earning good money?"

"It was for my grandchildren," Richard said, "I'm sorry."

"Well, you've lost your job," said the magistrate, "this is a great tragedy. I reckon I shall discharge you conditionally, but you must pay £2 17s. 8d."

"Yes, sir," Richard said, and he crept away, slow-footed, unsure, suddenly aged, like a grandfather of another day.

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Russia's Atomic Expert
Will Learn
No Secrets At Harwell

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, Apr. 23.
A clamp down on information about Britain's bid to harness the power of the hydrogen bomb for industry has been ordered while the Bulganin-Khrushchev mission visits atom stations. This order, disclosed last night, was imposed at the Harwell atom station by Sir John Cockcroft before he flew for secret talks in Washington on Saturday.

Foreign Office chiefs have ruled that it is of the utmost importance there should be no grounds whatever for any Soviet propaganda claim that Britain seems willing to exchange information with Russia on this delicate subject.

Such a claim would cause strong reaction in America, though Britain and the United States do not share secrets on hydrogen power developments. There are two further reasons for the clamp down:

1. Industrial advantages of harnessing hydrogen power are so staggering that any advances are regarded as national trade secrets.

2. Talk about hydrogen power experiments might inadvertently reveal information about hydrogen bomb progress.

Electricity
Blackout

(Continued from Page 1)

Five other lifts were caught between floors.

Of the four containing passengers, lift drivers managed to work open the doors to let air circulate.

Some of the lifts were either just below a floor or just above it.

But although they discovered what they managed to get the lift doors open that passengers could crawl to safety, few did.

One lift driver put it this way: "You see, they were all in their nice clean whites and did not want to dirty themselves."

But he reported all passengers showed exemplary behaviour. There were no screams—a few "ohs" and giggles and lots of people being very funny about it.

Gloucester Building was more fortunate. None of the lifts was caught between floors. But the service was stopped.

Two blackouts occurred later in the morning but they lasted 10-15 minutes and were less extensive than the first.

Trains were reduced to a crawling pace, but were not stopped.

Again, office lights, conditioning systems, and all electric office equipment stopped.

Lifts again stopped and during the suspension men and women had to climb flights of stairs.

It was hot work—the thermometer hovered around the 80s.

Franco Giving Up
Govt Posts

London, Apr. 22.

The Sunday Times said to-day that General Franco was planning to relinquish the posts of head of the government, head of the legislature and head of the Falangist movement.

A referendum will be held in Spain before the end of this year concerning the proposed changes, it added.—United Press.

Soldiers Injured

Nicosia, Apr. 23.

Three British soldiers were injured, one of them seriously, when terrorist gunmen ambushed an army truck near Limassol (south Cyprus) last night.

The terrorists attacked with automatic weapons and threw a bomb at the vehicle.—France Presse.

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Health Inspector
Charged With
Corruption

A health inspector employed by the Urban Services Department was accused before the Victoria District Court this morning of corruptly receiving \$100 from a building contractor foreman.

The complainant, Mok Wah-sau, declared in evidence that he handed the money in \$10 notes to the accused, Wong Kai-kong, at a building site on Peak Road on December 14, 1955.

Wong was charged with corruptly receiving the money from Mok as a reward or otherwise on account of his forbearing properly to carry out his duties in respect of a building site in Peak Road.

Mr. W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, assisted by Inspector Li Mui-wah, of the Anti-Corruption Branch, is prosecuting.

Accused is defended by Mr Leslie Wright, instructed by Mr. P. D. A. Remedios.

The trial is before Judge K. R. Macfie.

Mok Wah-sau in evidence said he was a foreman employed by Cheng Kin-wah, a building contractor. In November and December last year he was working at Peak Road. He was supervising works demolishing houses.

SUMMONS THREAT

Sometime on the morning of December 3 accused came to look at the site. He identified himself to the accused who complained about the manner in which the debris was thrown.

Accused said that a closed trough should be built to avoid the dust being blown about. Witness said accused went on to say that the matter did not concern him but the PWD.

A few days afterwards accused came again and complained that the trough had not been built. He said he would take out a summons against his "boss," witness said.

Accused returned to the site three days later and told witness he (accused) was not issuing any summons as somebody else had done so. Witness said four days elapsed before accused came again, this time asking for the address of his employer's shop. Accused said he would have issued a summons a few days ago but had forgotten the address.

Witness told accused that he had been instructed by his "boss" to ask accused "to give him a chance." Accused was alleged to have said a medical officer intended to issue a summons against his "boss" but whether he was going to do so he (accused) did not know but would discuss the matter with him. Witness said he pleaded to be given a chance.

Defendant, represented by Mr. J. C. Stewart, said that he was there to buy some copper pipes, and knew nothing about the stolen goods.

Finding defendant guilty, Mr. Morley-John said that because defendant had a clear record, he would exercise his power under Section 35 of the Magistrate's Ordinance, and discharge him.

Taxation Lecture

Mr. N. Kalafar, reader of economics at Cambridge University, who is now in the Colony, will give a lecture tomorrow (Tuesday) at 5.30 p.m. at the Hongkong University, Room 105, for the Economics Society. The title of his lecture is "Taxation in the modern state." Members of the public are cordially invited.

\$100 REQUEST

Witness alleged that accused asked for \$100 "for my folks to drink tea."

The matter was reported to the Police who gave him certain instructions and also \$100 in \$10 notes, said witness.

About 11 a.m. on December 14 accused came again to the site. Witness said he knew there were four policemen posted in the vicinity. Accused

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